

IRON COUNTY EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
North Lakeland Discovery Center, Manitowish Waters, WI
Thursday, July 11, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 10:23 a.m. by Committee Chair, William Thomas.

Roll Call: Roll call was taken by Extension Office Manager Joyce Gayan, and staff and Committee members introduced themselves. Committee members present: Thomas, Gerald Luke, and Paul Mullard. Committee member excused: Mitch Koski. Also in attendance: Gayan, Will Andresen, Andrea Newby, Neil Klemme, Deb Leonard, Joy Schelble, Year Round Americorps*VISTA Amy Nosal, Summer Assistant Nicole Hissa, Summer Interns Shruthi Murali and Samantha DeCarlo, and Summer Americorps*VISTAs Adrienne Fedora and Caitlin Ahlberg.

Acknowledge proper meeting posting: Gayan acknowledged proper meeting posting.

Approval of agenda as posted: Mullard moved to approve agenda as posted, seconded by Luke. All in favor.

Motion to approve meeting minutes for March 27, 2013: Luke moved to approve minutes for March 27, 2013, seconded by Mullard. All in favor.

Motion to approve financial reports:

a) Extension

b) 4-H and Youth Clubs

Committee members received Extension and 4-H and Youth Clubs financial reports through May 31, 2013 in their packets. Mullard moved to approve financial reports for Extension and 4-H & Youth Programs, seconded by Luke. All in favor.

Public Comment: No Comment.

Committee member Opal Roberts arrived at 10:29 a.m.

Agent Reports

4-H Youth Development – Klemme introduced campers and camp staff and asked for their comments on camp experiences. Jackson Brown and Ashley Behnke talked about their experiences as campers. Sarah Carroll and Cameron Rowe reported on their experiences as counselors. Klemme also updated the Committee on:

- Iron County Youth Council activities – “First Impressions” in Amery, Wisconsin
- Youth Farmers Market
- Iron County Fair

Community Resource Development – Andresen updated Committee on activities:

- Assisting Fair Board with strategic plan
- Mercer Regional Bike Trail project
- Hurley Trail project
- Working with Zoning Administrator Tom Bergman on zoning ordinance for proposed mine site
- Asked Committee feedback on his facilitation of public forums related to proposed mine. Committee supported Andresen continuing the facilitation of these forums.

Family Development – Newby distributed handouts of *the Ecological Family Systems: Circles of Influence on Individual and Family Development* and discussed her programming as it relates to this including:

- Money Management meetings

- College Transition workshops
- Collaborating with Human Services to do Family Fun Days
- Programming at the Mercer Library
- Childhood Obesity Project
- Stay Strong Stay Healthy program

Wisconsin Nutrition Education Program – Schelble discussed:

- Snap-Ed funding approved for 2014
- Leonard's work at Senior Dining Sites and Summer S.T.A.R.S.
- Lessons in outdoor classrooms
- Childhood Obesity – Rural Health Grant
- Walking and biking trails

Horticulture Assistant Report – Schelble updated Committee on horticulture activities:

- Plant disease diagnoses
- City of Hurley – Urban Tree Project
- Mercer Community Garden
- Silver Street Planting
- Lupine Junefest
- Youth Farmers Market

Summer Intern Report –

- DeCarlo reported on working as a summer intern with Schelble at the school and community garden.
- Murali reported on working as a summer intern with Newby and Wick through AHEC (Area Health Education Center) System. Her primary focus is seniors and creating an aging friendly Iron County.
- Summer Americorps*VISTAs Ahlberg and Fedora discussed the roles they are playing assisting with camp activities and coordinating the TrailBlazer program for youth.
- Hissa discussed her role as the Summer Assistant, planning for and directing summer programs such as camp and fair preparation.
- Year-round Americorps*VISTA Nosal reported on her work with all program areas in Iron County Extension as they relate to creating a healthy community that engages young people.

Department Head Report – Andresen thanked the staff and discussed:

- Upcoming budget
- Possible expansion of horticulture position to year-round to accommodate questions and programming requests
- Multi-disciplinary planning
- Paddle the Pearls – Andresen asked Committee's consideration for the office staff to attend a team building event in support of State Specialist Cathy Techtmann's Environmental Outreach program area on July 26. Committee supported the request. Staff will post a sign on the door the day of the event.

WACEC Recognition of Opal Roberts – Andresen presented Roberts with a WACEC (Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committees, Inc.) award, honoring her for five years of service as a member of the Ag-Extension-Education Committee.

Schedule Next Extension Education Committee meeting: The next meeting of the Extension Education Committee will be determined at a later date.

Adjourn: Luke moved to adjourn meeting, seconded by Roberts. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.